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Security Issue in Office Cleaning Raised

Rev. Moon Followers Had Access to FBI, Military Facilities

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A congressman said Friday he wants an investigation into how a carpet-cleaning company controlled by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church got contracts to clean FBI buildings and Air Force bases for the federal government.

Leon Panetta, a Democrat from Carmel Valley, said he was worried because recent congressional inquiries linked Moon and the church to the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Panetta said that during the last five years, International Exchange, based in Oakland, has been cleaning

various government installations, including FBI buildings, congressional offices and buildings at Edwards Air Force Base, home of the Space Shuttle project.

"They are going into very sensitive areas and I just think that is a matter that ought to be considered in awarding those kinds of contracts," Panetta said.

Matthew Morrison, secretary-treasurer of the carpet company and a Unification Church member, termed Panetta's concerns "ridiculous."

"That is what makes for religious bigotry," Morrison said.

He confirmed that the owners of the carpet company are Unification Church members, as are most of its 20 employees, but maintained that their religious affiliation does not interfere with their work.

"We do a helluva good job cleaning carpets," he said.

The company cleans carpets under federal contracts for federal installations in Monterey County, including Ft. Ord, and in Stockton, where the government maintains warehouses and naval installations. Panetta's office is in Monterey County.

Martin Perlmutter, director of business affairs for the General Services Administration in San Francisco, said

that previously, the company worked under federal contract at Mather and McClellan Air Force bases in Sacramento, the FBI office in Sacramento and the offices of two former congressmen, John Moss and Robert Leggett.

Contracts also have been awarded to the International Exchange for Air Force bases in Southern California.

Panetta said he has asked the GSA to look into its policies in awarding contracts.

He has also asked the House Government Operations Committee, which oversees the GSA, to investigate the situation.

"I know GSA has discrimination policies, but when you're dealing with a group that has security problems, that ought to be considered. We (the U.S. government) simply don't hand out information to anyone, and these carpet cleaners can come in under the rug, so to speak, to get that information," Panetta said.

Panetta said a 1978 congressional report accused Moon of trying to create a worldwide government based on a vast organization of Unification Church activities.

He said U.S. intelligence reports were released asserting the Unification Church was founded by the KCLIA as a political tool in 1961. Moon has denied any connection with the KCLIA.

Panetta said the federal government knew about the inquiry and knew that the firm was controlled by followers of Moon but hired it anyway.

Perlmutter said the administration's policy does not allow the GSA to discriminate on "race, color, creed, sex or belief." Besides, he said of the firm: "They do a good job."